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Syria: [An open break between Baathists and pro-Nasir forces casts doubt on the future of the new Arab federation.]

[On 4 May, Cairo radio broadcast a statement by the former deputy premier in the Syrian cabinet, one of the five Nasirist ministers who resigned last week. The former minister stated that the discussions in Syria on forming a national front in accordance with the Cairo proclamation on unity 'have failed.]

[The apparent confidence of the Baathists that they can consolidate their position within the Syrian regime, while coping with whatever forms of opposition the Nasirists put up, may be the result of new understandings with other anti-Nasir groups in Syria. In Damascus, the army command has taken the precaution of moving additional troops into the city.]

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Cuba: Cuba's political machine, the United Party of the Socialist Revolution (PURS), is being rapidly organized.

Local cells formed last year and early this year are now being organized into district and regional units. The party's first national congress, although as yet unscheduled, has been promised for sometime this year.

Members of the provisional political machine formed in mid-1961, the Integrated Revolutionary Organizations (ORI), are not automatically being accepted into the new party cells. In fact, many have been rejected while a large number who were not ORI members are being accepted into the PURS. This seems to be an effort to have the party at all levels completely amenable to Castro's personal leadership.

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Italy: [Italy will probably not have a stable government for some time.]

[The Nenni Socialists, whose cooperation is essential to ensure a majority for any center-left government, will not define their policy until after their party's congress. Such a congress will not be held before early summer and perhaps not until fall.]

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[Shortly after the new parliament convenes, in mid-May, a caretaker government will probably be formed. The US Embassy believes such a government will probably be a center-left coalition similar to the outgoing Fanfani government but under a new premier, possibly Interior Minister Taviani or Christian Democratic party secretary Aldo Moro.]

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British Guiana: [The general strike is entering its third week, causing serious food and fuel shortages. The Jagan government has drafted contingency plans for declaring a state of emergency which would give the government broad powers to make arrests without warrants, regulate food and fuel supplies, and ban meetings. Declaration of a state of emergency could lead to some disturbances, thus obliging the British Government once again to support Jagan with the 600 troops it has in the colony] [REDACTED]

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